# DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES.

## The Omaha Coopers Dissatisfied and May Organize a Strike.

## GRIEVANCES OF WESTERN TRAIN MEN.

### Bread Bakers Form a Union—Benevolent Blacksmiths — The Weekly Payment Plan Discussed—Local Labor News.

The members of the grievance committee of the Pacific coast divisions of the several railroads have been in session at Oakland during the past week. Besides transacting routine business they have prepared a list of grievances as made up from the testimony of the trainmen and will at once ask that the rules of the roads be so changed as to conform to the demands which are as follows:

1. Promotion shall be made according to the length of service with the company, the oldest securing the first promotion, other hings being equal. This has not been done, hey claim, for there are men who are still rakemen, and have been so for three years, while others who entered the company's service since then have been promoted to conductorships. These brakemen, they say, are fully competent to act as conductors.

2. The men who have been with the company the longest shall have the choice of runs. There are married men who are compelled to run nights, while single men who are younger in the service, are given day runs.

3. That all overtime shall be paid for—as well as all extra mileage. It frequently happens that trainmen are out on the road long after trains are due at the end of their run, and for this overtime they ask pay, the same as to engineers and firemen. There are also several crews which are compelled every trip to run from six to twenty miles more than their regular day's work. The engineers are paid for this, and why not trainmen?

4. That there shall be a regular pay day. "There seems to be no good reason why we should not have our money as soon as possible after we earn it," the men say, "and not have it come any time from the 15th to the 31st of the following month." It is said that last Christmas they could get no money for October work until some time in January.

5. That trainmen shall not be required to sweep out passenger cars, and clean and fill car lamps. When a man gets through his trip he does not want to have to spend an hour or more doing the work of a car cleaner.

**The Weekly Payment Plan.**

In the fifth annual report of the factory inspector of New York he gives the details of a plan whereby the manufacturers avoid the law requiring the weekly payment of wages. The way it is done is posting notices to the effect that, on a certain date and every week thereafter, any of the employes who desired it, would be paid weekly by leaving word at the office that such was their wish. As soon as the notices were up, quiet hints would be dropped from authoritative sources that whoever insisted on being paid weekly would be discharged. Naturally, very few of the men desirous of employment would have the temerity to ask for their wages with possible discharge as the result, and consequently no one would apply for his wages on that date. The purpose of the officers of the corporation would be accomplished, and when the [illegible] would inquire why the wages [illegible] inspec- being paid weekly, the notices were [illegible] were not and the triumphant answer given [illegible] shown one man wanted his wages weekly [illegible] that not more than one occasion this [illegible] weekly. On when at that very time the [illegible] was the answer his pocket the statement [illegible] inspector had in long list of their names [illegible] of the men and a pany be compelled [illegible] asking that the company every week [illegible] pay them, one and all.

**Work for Carpenters.**

The Machine Woodworker, a labor paper published at Denver, prints the following table showing the condition of trade in eight of the principal western cities:

| UNION. | Wages. | Hours. | State of trade. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Omaha No 1.. | $2 50 to $3 00 | 9 and 10 | Fair. |
| St. Louis No. 2 | 2 25 to 2 75 | 10 | Fair. |
| Denver No. 3. | 2 50 to 3 00 | 59 | Very bad. |
| Chicago No. 4. | 2 00 to 3 00 | 10 | Fair. |
| SanFran No. 5 | 2 50 to 4 00 | 9 and 10 | Dull. |
| Oakland No. 6. | 2 50 to 4 00 | 9 and 10 | Too many m'men |
| Chicago No. 7. | 2 25 to 2 50 | 10 | Poor. |
| Winona No. 8. | 1 75 to 2 50 | 10 | |
| Chicago No. 9. | 2 00 to 3 00 | 10 | Fair. |
| St. Paul No. 10 | 2 00 to 2 50 | 10 | |

From the above it will be seen that at this time work in the carpenters' line is not only fair in Omaha, but far better than in any of the cities mentioned, when the hours are taken into consideration.

**Benevolent Blacksmiths.**

From January, 1883, to July 1, 1889, the United Brotherhood of Blacksmiths paid out to the widows and orphans of deceased members and to disabled members the sum of $89,250 from the general fund. And in that time fully $200,000 more was paid out on sick benefits from the funds of the local unions. The general benefits are graded according to the time of membership and are at the rate of $100 to $200 for funeral benefits on the death of a member, $100 to $400 in case of permanent disability, and $25 to $50 on the death of the wife of a married member. The total cost of maintaining these benefits is but a small trifle each month, and through the co-operation of all the unions in the United brotherhood these various benefits are sustained.

**Bakers Organize.**

The recent labor troubles at the Garneau bakery have resulted in adding another union to organized labor in Omaha. Prior to that time the bakers were without organization, but at last they have come into the fold. Saturday night nearly seventy-five of the bread bakers of the city met at Kaufmann's hall and at once decided to come in under the Knights of Labor. A charter was at once applied for, and as soon as it arrives officers will be elected and the union will begin its work.

**Coopers Dissatisfied.**

There is a strong probability that the Consolidated tank line and the coopers will have trouble ere long. Heretofore coopers have been receiving 22½ cents per barrel, but the price has been cut to 20 cents. The coopers accepted the reduction and continued work, but the matter has been referred to the Central labor union, and if the old rate is not paid after the first of next month, the men are liable to go out.

**The Sunset Cox Fund.**

Yesterday the Omaha letter carriers' association forwarded $75 to New York as a contribution to the Sunset Cox monument fund. This monument, which will be unveiled in Central Park on July 4, 1891, has been built entirely out of funds contributed by the letter carriers of cities of the United States.

**Labor Notes.**

The Helena, Mont., plumbers' strike still continues and those formerly employed by Sturrock & Brown have been out seven weeks, and there is no likelihood of a settlement of the difficulties very soon.

The trades assembly of Denver has memorialized the legislature to pass a law prohibiting the letting of state or county printing to parties outside of Colorado. They also make some strong recommendations to business men on the same subject.

Amalgamated Union of the Carpenters and Joiners, a lodge of which was lately started in Salt Lake City, has now forty members. The headquarters are in England, but it is considered one of the strongest organizations in the world. Whenever a member loses his tools by accident he is supplied with others at the expense of the union, and when in forced idleness he is paid $3.50 a week.

The organized carpenters of Indianapolis have issued their wage schedule for this year. It provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work. All over eight hours to be paid at the rate of time and one-half, and Sunday and legal-holiday work will be called double time. Thirty cents an hour all be the minimum pay for carpenters and iners. The boss carpenters say the demands are too high.

It appears that the various painters' unions of New York are not united on the enforcement of the eight-hour rule this spring. The progressive painters' union has just decided to enforce the eight-hour rule on boats and ship work, while the conference of painters' unions has decided that the eight-hour system must be enforced on all classes of work. A meeting of all unions will be held to consider the matter.

The waiters of St. Paul, Minn., held a well attended meeting at Labor hall last evening and initiated three new members. Applications for membership were received from four waiters who will be admitted into the union at the next meeting. The report from the state Federation of Labor was heard and accepted. L. G. Gunn was elected a delegate to the Trades and Labor assembly, vice M. M. Kelly, resigned. All the hotels and restaurants with one exception employ union men.

George W. Middleton, who was a delegate to the New York state convention of the American Federation of Labor, recently held in Albany, returned to New York City recently. Among the good things accomplished by the federation, he said, was the settlement of the strike of 600 girls employed by the United States collar company of Troy. The girls were out against a reduction and stated their case to Arbitration Commissioner Donovan, who advised them to return to work. They would not, and appealed to the arbitration, which sent a committee to the company, settled the strike, and in some cases obtained an advance in wages.

### PEPPERMINT DROPS.

An old seadog—the mast-iff.

For gentlemen only—wives.

A dramatic stick—bill-posting.

A mere matter of form—the boil.

An echo is but holler mockery.

A brewery combine—malt, hops and water.

An empty pepper-box is out of season.

Policeman (to chess-player)—Move on now.

A fine expression—Ten dollars or ten days.

Gardin' hose—high shoes.

Present in spirit—alcohol.

Mail and female—a corset.

Dyed-in-the-wool—defunct sheep.

Cold cream—the cream of society.

The state of single blessedness—Miss.

Never kick an electric light wire when it is down.

The only thing ever cured by faith is cure faith.

Railroad passes have hypnotized whole legislatures.

Yeast is not an article that grows, but it is easily raised.

Nearly everything that a man likes to do is bad for him.

Sometimes a stage "supe" is only a "broth of a boy."

Life is truly not worth the living unless it be a useful life.

The elevator is like an editor—it makes a long story short.

Born in the garret, in the kitchen bred—the domestic roach.

Line for a poet's album: "Soap" deferred maketh the bard sick.

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to open your husband's letters.

A close mouth calls for few assessments and pays big dividends.

At lager-heads—two tramps working the same pile of beer kegs.

"Hope," says a pessimist, "is a humbug which takes everybody in."

In the construction of monuments granite is often put to a base purpose.

Thought cannot be publicly presented until it is properly clothed in language.

Did any man ever give a woman advice that he did not say, "Be patient!"

"She doesn't belong to our first-class set," said when the duck moder[illegible] set," as the hen [illegible] waddled by.

In dramatic parlance the actor who takes the boards is not a lumbersome fellow.

The habit of taking a drop will not induce dropsy, but a much more fatal disease.

Adversity is a jewel that shines brighter in our neighbor's crown than in our own.

The vender of shell-fish would make a good prize fighter—he has so many mussels.

New beginners in equestrianism realize the painful meaning of saddlery hard wear.

"Patience" should be taken off a monument and put at the end of a telephone.

We are all of us apt to think that our own way is the best, and it is—in our opinion.

A man's gray matter is his only possession that is sufficiently extensive to satisfy him.

A cat is not trained for fighting as a dog is, but she can come to the scratch all the same.

A light that can successfully be hidden under a bushel is not likely to be a very big blaze.

An open winter has no visible connection with open doors; but they seem to travel in company.

When a man gets struck in the eye with a piece of soft coal it doesn't feel so awfully soft after all.

Most people wouldn't have so many troubles if they didn't spend so much time talking about them.

Chess is a game that requires a great deal of patience, especially on the part of the chess player's wife.

Some men think that the lamp of life is a spirit lamp, judging from the way they pour in the alcohol.

Counsel is a good thing, but it is better to take counsel of one's own indiscretion than of another man's.

It is difficult to bear with a friend's infirmities when you have to lug him home on one of his off nights.

"Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink," sighed the Kentucky colonel in the prohibition town.

The person who is fond of ascertaining his weight can be accused of having a weighward disposition.

When a woman makes a visit for the purpose of exhibiting her new dress it may be said to be a clothes call.

No man can always tell what is the right thing to do, but he can come pretty near telling every time what is the wrong thing.

A young man is often frightened when about to pop the question, but it ought to be easy to tell his love when his heart is in his mouth.

### SINGULARITIES.

The young sons of J. J. Kelly, Silver City, New Mexico, are the happy possessors of a dog born without a tail.

A cow belonging to Dr. H. E. Dennett of Boston gave birth to three perfectly developed calves, all living and doing well.

Defiance, Ia., claims to have a living skeleton who weighs only sixty-five pounds. He is five feet eight inches tall and is a prohibitionist.

A duck with four feet is a curiosity owned by James Stewart of the York road, opposite Guilford, Md. When swimming it uses one of its legs as a rudder.

A woman of Bennington, Mich., two years ago gave birth to twins, a year ago paralyzed the record with triplets, and now twins again—seven children in two years.

A little girl of ten, the daughter of one of the most respected citizens of York, Pa., was discovered by her school teacher to be unable to read her reading exercises unless the book was held upside down. The strange freak of vision is supposed to be the result of a habit of trying to read with the book pages in an unnatural position, a habit contracted some years ago when the child was first sent to school. The only means of cure possible is to teach the child everything over again as though she never knew anything before.

A man with three full-sized arms and hands may be daily seen upon the streets of Marbette, British Columbia. He is a Russian by birth and first came to America in 1877 as an attache of the Greek church at Sitka, Alaska, where he resided till 1884. He is a large, powerful-built man, but seems to have no control of this extra bodily member, which hangs down his back from a point almost exactly between his shoulders, and rolls from side to side in an unsightly manner, as though paralyzed. Besides being well equipped in the way of arms, he has a set of teeth that are double all the way around.

Some Americans who were recently going through the Jardine des Plantes of Paris stopped to look at a big rattlesnake in a cage. It lay motionless, apparantly asleep, but when two of the party began to converse in English the snake moved, lifted up its head and gave every sign of being intently interested. They hastened to tell their companions that the snake understood English. The snake was apparently asleep again. They conversed loudly in French, but the snake did not give the least sign of being conscious of his surroundings; then some one spoke in English. Instantly the reptile raised its head and moved it back and forth, showing the same alertness that he had when the language was spoken in his hearing a few moments before.

Mrs. Post, manicure, 319½ S. 15th street.

# ECHOES FROM THE ANTE-ROOM.

## News of the Week Among the Riders of the Goat.

## PRINCES OF THE ORIENT ORGANIZE.

### The G. A. R. Encampment—Resolutions on the Death of Colonel Morrow — Woodmen of the World Notes.

Omaha division, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers last Monday for the ensuing year: John Hayward, captain; D. C. Miller, first lieutenant; Lee N. Yates, herald; H. J. Wells, recorder; A. F. Wolff, treasurer; Henry Hornung, guard; W. A. Stuart, sentry. These officers will be installed tomorrow night by Major Donnelly. The annual reports of the division show a membership of thirty-seven, with all affairs in first-class shape.

Lily division went to South Omaha Thursday night and admitted twelve members by initiation and three by card. The division then proceeded to the election of officers, and the newly-elected officers were then installed by Adjutant Corte. The roster of officers is as follows: Captain, Letten; lieutenant, T. P. Thatcher; herald, William B. Cheek; recorder, Stearns; treasurer, Hedges. There were about eighteen members of Lily division present, and several of the members of Black Eagle division. Among the officers present were: Dean Whitmarsh, the brigade chaplain; Captain Ware of Black Eagle and Colonel J. Leon Fournier of Columbus, O.

Mars lodge gave a party at Goodrich hall Monday evening to celebrate the return of the members from the scene of the Indian trouble. A large number of the members and their friends were present and the evening passed very pleasantly.

The committee on digest met on January 5 at the city of Cincinnati, O., says the Knight Errant, Supreme Representative John C. Burns of Ohio and Charles A. Lee of Rhode Island being present.

After an examination of the manuscript prepared by Past Supreme Representative William D. Kennedy of Chicago, Ill., the committee turned the same over to the committee on law, which was also in attendance. The latter committee was represented by Supreme Representatives Walter B. Richie of Ohio, J. H. Alexander of Virginia and P. H. Colgrove of Michigan. The latter committee then passed on the manuscript, approved it and placed it again in the hands of the special committee on digest, who instructed the chairman, Brother John C. Burns, to take charge of the letting of the contract for printing the work.

During the meeting at Cincinnati the committee on ritual also met, represented by Supreme Representative D. F. Glidden of Michigan, Walter B. Richie of Ohio, R. L. C. White of Tennessee and W. A. Radcliffe of Missouri. The committee on rules also met at the same time and place, and was represented by Supreme Representatives E. A. Graham of Alabama, A. P. Butterfield of Ohio and P. H. Colgrove of Michigan.

In considering the matter of the new official digest, all the members of these several committees were called for a [illegible] conference, the supreme [illegible] general B. Shaw, bei[illegible] chancellor, George [illegible] also present, and a general [illegible] change of views was had.

**G. A. R.**

The annual encampment of the Department of Nebraska will be held in Plattsmouth three days of the coming week, beginning Wednesday. The annual meeting of the Women's relief corps will be held at the same time. There will be about seven hundred delegates to the encampment and about one hundred and fifty to the meeting of the Relief corps. During this time camp fires will be held and a generally good time will be enjoyed by all the visitors. The members of McConibee post and the citizens of Plattsmouth have made preparations for entertaining the visitors in royal style and the meeting is looked forward to with pleasant anticipations.

At a meeting of E. O. Sumner post of Sidney, held on the 3rd inst., the following resolutions upon the death of Colonel Henry A. Morrow, a member of the post, were adopted:

Whereas, Divine Providence, in His inscrutable wisdom, has suddenly and unexpectedly called Colonel Henry A. Morrow, our comrade and friend, and left us to mourn the loss.

Resolved, It is a sense of personal bereavement to each of us and a great loss to the community. A few weeks ago he moved among us with soldierly bearing, commanding the respect and esteem of all. Death has taken him from us never to meet in the near fellowship of our post, nor in the wider ranks of friends and citizens. Peace to his ashes.

Resolved, The community could not have lost a more public spirited citizen. To every enterprise for the country's good he lent a helping hand; none inquired after the church's prosperity with more euident concern; he never showed any partisan zeal, encouraging the best in every party; encouraged every enterprise which was for the good of the poor, and was always ready to aid his noble wife and the generous women of the King's Daughters in their noble endeavors to take care of the sick and suffering. As a friend of education he took special interest in lending his own ability to its advancement. He is missed in every circle, voices are subdued, and eager interest manifested whenever his death is mentioned. Peace to his dust.

Resolved, In the fraternity of the Grand Army his superior gift of magnetism was felt. To us his death comes as the taking away of a comrade, almost a brother, from our homes. Having been on many fields of battle and at the head of the state department of the Grand Army of the Republic, he might be styled the veteran of the veterans and the champion of the Grand Army in the west. Peace to his memory.

Resolved, To the family of the deceased comrade we hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence. Our sorrow is their keenest grief. To Him of whom it is written, "A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows is God in His holy habitation," do we commend their sorrowing hearts.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and published in THE OMAHA BEE.

J. NEABAUER,
A. ICKES,
A. RICKER,
Committee.

**S. of V.**

The seventh annual encampment of the Nebraska division, Sons of Veterans, will meet in Geneva, Tuesday, June 11. The division council will meet in regular session in Geneva on June 10. The citizens of Geneva submitted a bid to the division council at a special session held in this city January 31. In this bid the people of that city agreed to provide 100 tents, all necessary wood and straw for the use of the encampment, and also guaranteed the sum of $300 be paid in prizes to the best drilled camps. There will be four prizes, namely, $120, $80, $60 and $40. The drills will be governed by Reed's standard tactics.

The consolidated report of the adjutant of the Nebraska division for the quarter ending December 31, 1890, shows seventy-six camps in the division with an aggregate membership of 1,603.

February 12 was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, which is known as "Union Defender's day," and was observed by all the camps with fitting ceremonies and appropriate celebrations.

**A. O. U. W.**

The fifteenth annual session of the "loyal" grand lodge of Iowa was held at Boone during the past week. The report of Grand Master Workman W. R. Graham showed a membership of 5,300 in Iowa, a net increase of 959 during the year. There were present 126 delegates and all but one of the officers of the grand lodge. The finance committee reported everything in good shape in its jurisdiction. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the grand lodge at Council Bluffs. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Grand master workman, W. R. Graham of Cedar Falls; grand foreman, H. S. Howe of Muscatine; grand overseer, W. W. Bingham of Waterloo; grand recorder, L. O. Howland of Cedar Falls; grand receiver, William Wilson, jr., of Washington; grand guide, E. Hartung of Des Moines; grand watchman, J. J. Roth of Burlington; grand trustee, to fill vacancy, John D. Vail of Marshaltown; grand trustee, full term, Ed. R. Makee of Indianola. J. B. Abbott was re-elected editor of the Loyal Workman.

**The Oriental.**

Although hundreds of the members of Omaha fraternities have been made Princes of the Orient and have had sweet revenge in torturing unlucky candidates at the next initiation there has never been any regularly instituted lodge of the order in this city. It has always been looked upon as a "side degree" for any order which chose to confer it, but in the future this will be changed. A lodge or hut of the order has been established in this city and will soon be in full working order. A preliminary meeting was held in the Pythian hall last week at which officers were elected and a committee appointed to prepare and submit a constitution and by-laws. The officers are as follows: John McClintock, G. P.; W. N. Dorward, G. V.; D. J. Gracey, grand pasha; D. I. Thornton, grand prophet; E. D. Morland, grand herald; W. F. Clark, secretary and treasurer; Phillip Miller, grand guardsman; ——Piefer, grand vidette.

The next regular meeting will be held in Pythian hall on the 27th inst.

All who have received the Oriental degree may become members of the hut by paying $2, but no one will be admitted to the lodge room unless he is a member, though he has the pass.

The name of the new hut is Pine Ridge. The list of members is a lengthy one and promises to be much greater.

**W. O. W.**

New camps have been put in this week at Nevada and Kirksville, Mo.

State librarian of Ohio, John A. Tuthill, has accepted the appoinment of sovereign advisor lieutenant.

The provisional head consul of the southwestern jurisdiction has put in a new camp of 200 members at Dallas, Tex.

President Harrison, James G. Blaine and Grover Cleveland have been tendered honorary membership in the Woodmen of the World.

The headquarters of the Sovereign camp, at 206 Sheely block, has been busy as a hive during the past week getting ready for national business.

The Mystic Circle, the Woodmen's ladies' department, is being pushed earnestly. Groves at Sioux City and Albert Lea will be established at once and also one at Lincoln, Neb.

The first camp in Oklahoma was instituted this week by Provisional Head Consul Roediger with a large charter list. The second camp is almost ready to be instituted at Oklahoma City.

Sovereign Commander Root instituted a small camp at South Sioux City on Thursday, and will institute a large camp at Sioux City next week. Fifty charter petitioners signed the rolls on Thursday while he was there.

A second camp is contemplated at St. Joseph. No. 1 is located in the south portion of the city, No. 2 will be in the northern. The deputies do not propose to leave that city until 500 men are "introduced into the order.

Another camp is being organized at Indianapolis, Ind. The Courtesy drill corps has been originated there and is likely to prove a feature of sovereign woodcraft. It is novel and attractive. The "swords of defense" are simply nobby canes and the trappings are made up of a silk hat, navy coat, black pantaloons with silk stripe and aforesaid cane. The manual of arms is neat and likely to cast the ladies' broom drill in the shade.

**A. O. H.**

Division No. 4 will meet in its hall on Thirteenth street near Center, on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, by order of the president. A full attendance is requested.

De Witt's Little Early Risers; only pill to cure sick headache a[illegible] and regulate the bowels.

### STATE SOCIETY NEWS.

**Lincoln.**

Mrs. L. Robinson is in New York city.

Mrs. Rella Fraser has returned from the south.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bartholomew are in Waco, Tex.

Mrs. Mace Liebor of Helena, Ark., is the guest of Mrs. I. Brooks.

Mr. John Marshall has returned from the western portion of the state.

Mr. J. H. Pearson has been visiting with his parents at Oxford this week.

Miss Opal Touzalin of Omaha, has been visiting Lincoln friends this week.

Mr. Henry Keefer, recently of Holdrege, will make his home again in Lincoln.

Mr. Charles A. Roehrig of Omaha has been the guest of Lincoln friends this week.

Mr. Clarence Brown of Omaha, was the guests of Mr. Morton Smith this week.

R. M. Simons, jr. of Beatrice is in the city for a few days visiting with his parents.

Mrs. M. T. Horner and daughter have gone to Denver on a month's visit with relatives.

Ming Allen of Omaha who came down to attend the Pleasant Hour ball, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Keough have returned from Lyons, Colo., where they have been for six months.

Mrs. J. J. King and Miss Lillie Bruner of West Point, are the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence Bruner.

Miss Mabel Sperry left Thursday morning for San Antonio, Texas, where she will spend the winter months.

Mrs. Levi Churchill of Leavenworth, Kan. has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. H. Aschmann, 2148 N street.

Mr. John Erb of Aurora was the guest last week of his father, Rev. Erb, Twenty seventh and Vine streets.

Mrs. Totts L. Walker, who has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Z. Palmer, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Miss Fritza A. Barnard of Omaha, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Croffuth this week, left for her home Thursday.

Mr. George S. Ring, of St. Paul, Minn., who has been the guest of his parents in Lincoln for about three weeks, returned home today.

Mrs. L. P. Hubert, of Greenwood, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. E. Brown, 813 North Twenty-seventh street, has returned home.

Miss Edith Johnson of Bloomington, Ill., who has been visiting with the family of her uncle, State Treasurer Hill, left Monday evening for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bohanon returned from Red Cloud Wednesday, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Bohanan's brother, Edward Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wolcott have returned from their jaunt of six weeks through the east, in the course of which they visited New York, Boston and other points.

Last evening the East Lincoln C. L. S. C. was delightfully entertained by Miss Amber Barnaby at her pleasant home, 2530 Vine street. The programme was specially interesting and the attendance large. Some very instructive essays were read.

It was a jolly party of congenial souls that gathered Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoppuk, Twenty-sixth and Lynn streets. The good old-fashioned game of euchre was the main amusement, while conversation, music and refreshments added their quota to the evening's enjoyment.

Misses Aura and Jennie Hitchcock, two bright and popular young ladies living at Twenty-eighth and Hitchcock streets, were treated to a most enjoyable surprise party on Saturday. The mother was in the secret, however, and had made full preparations for the guests so that the young hostesses were spared any embarrassment in that line. A delightful time was enjoyed both by the entertainers and those entertained.

Miss Lena George is a charming entertainer and when she issued invitations for a party to be given Saturday night there was not a single one of her friends who sent back "regrets." The event, as expected, proved a most enjoyable one. Games, music and the other et ceteras of an evening's amusement made the hours fly quickly and the guests were astonished when the clock warningly tolled midnight and the advent of Sunday.

Wednesday was the sixty-sixth anniversary of Mrs. Thomas Crebbins birth and was celebrated by a surprise given her in the shape of a dinner, at the residence of her son, John E. Patmore, 1110 South Eighth street. There was a grand family reunion of sons, daughters, grandsons and grand-daughters. A very pleasant evening was spent and the guests departed at a late hour, wishing many happy returns of the day.

Miss Eva G. Sterns was married on Monday evening, January 26, to Mr. C. D. Herr. The marriage was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sterns, near Crounse, by Rev. J. M. Richmond, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The groom's best man was Mr. George Herr, and the bridesmaid, Miss Hattie Sterns. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served. The presents were numerous and costly.

The reception given Wednesday evening by the members of the Y. M. C. A. to their new general secretary was an exceedingly pleasant event. The rooms of the association were beautifully decorated with flowers and tropical plants and were enlivened by a large attendance. In connection with the reception the association held its second public quarterly meeting. The programme comprised several selections by the orchestra, three songs by the Easterday Brothers' quartette, an address by the president, select reading by Miss Dey, reports of committees and the reception proper. Every feature was appreciated, particularly the music by the quartette and the selections by Miss Dey. The closing hour was spent in handshaking, all present forming the acquaintance of Mr. Parks in a pleasant way.

Miss Sidney Murphy, assisted by Miss Florence Putnam, gave a children's party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy, 2526 N street, on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p. m. The little people enjoyed games, music and dancing, with refreshments served at 6 o'clock. It was a delightful gathering in every detail and the little hostess was very successful in entertaining her guests. Those present were: Misses Ethel Applegate, Sadie Burnham, Edith Bain, Mattie Criley, Rosebud Foster, Edith Foster, Hattie Huffman, Hazel Huffman, Bessie Hayden, Edna Harley, Margie Loomis, Edith Lewis, Florence Putnam, Lou Peebles, Edna Salsbury, Grace Sanders, May Travis, Masters Leroy Brown, Theodore Criley, Fred Doolittle, Raymond Hale, John Harley, Sam Foster, James Hayden, Eddie Loomis, Harold Lewis, Horace Munson, Milow Munson, Owen Oakley, Ed Peebles, Allie Sanders, Bertie Watkins, Halsey Yates.

The masquerade ball given Tuesday evening at Bohanan's hall by the Lincoln Turnverein was a grand success socially and financially. The immense hall was crowded all evening with ladies and gentlemen in handsome and grotesque costumes, including maids of high and low degree, courtiers, sailors, Indians, soldiers, messenger boys, policemen and the many and varied conceptions of the costumer and the wearer. The unmasking took place about midnight, but it was nearly dawn before the last of the dancers wended their way homeward. Company D of the National guards and a band of Indians, impersonated by members of the Turnverein, gave a very graphic reproduction of the battle of Wounded Knee and the ghost dance, the whole winding up with a magnificent tableau representing the goddess of liberty surrounded by boys in blue, with the dead soldiers and Indians lying about in picturesque attitudes. The fancy shooting by an Omaha young lady and some excellent club swinging were notable features of the entertainment. The members of the Turnverein may well feel proud of their success as entertainers. All pronounced the ball as the most thoroughly enjoyable social event they have attended this season.

**Hastings.**

Banker William Kerr, one of the owners of the Kerr opera house, is arranging to build a $20,000 residence in the spring.

A local stock company in being formed, for the purpose of erecting a new hotel to surpass anything of the kind between Omaha and Denver.

Five employes of the B. & M. railroad yards have had fingers or hands crushed in the past ten days, owing to defective coupling appliances.

The city council have closed a contract with the George Johnson's electric light station to erect sufficient lamps on the 150 foot dome of the court house, to illuminate the entire city. Johnson says the light will be distinctly seen in an area of sixty miles.

F. D. Hollingsworth is now, in Detroit, Mich., at the Harper hospital for the purpose of trying the new consumption cure of Drs. Shirly and Gibbs. He has been under treatment two weeks, and writes home that he feels better than he has at any time during the past two years.

A new public school building is one of the urgent necessities just at present in this city, as 2,200 children are crowded in five school buildings and the board of education decided at a meeting last night to submit a proposition to vote $12,000 bonds at a special election for a new school building in the fourth ward.

The Adams county Agricultural society at their meeting yesterday, passed a resolution, offering $4,000 in purses for races at the county fair next fall. Mayor Clarke, W. P. McCreary et al were appointed a committee to attend the meeting of the Nebraska Breeders association at Beatrice this month, for the purpose of securing their next meeting for Hastings. As soon as the weather will permit, the work on the fast mile-race course will be pushed.

A. H. Brown, editor and proprietor of the Hastings Independent and the "Napoleon of Journalism," in Adams county, has purchased the Adams County Tribune, owned by Dick Thompson, and will merge the two plants, calling it the Independent-Tribune. Mr. Brown is the pioneer newspaper man in Adams county, and is now in possession of two of the best newspaper plants in western Nebraska. Negotiations are now pending for the consolidation of two more weekly plants in this city, and it is very likely that Mr. Brown will be conducting a newspaper trust before many days.

**Beatrice.**

Mrs. M. A. Metzger was visiting friends in Omaha for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell of Salt Lake City are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Henry Carter of Utica, N. Y., was a Beatrice visitor for a few days last week.

Frank Barclay has returned from a prolonged business and pleasure trip to Newcastle, Wyo.

Miss Poundsfond of Omaha is visiting the home of her friend, Mrs. S. C. Smith, for a few days.

Mrs. Augustin Bradt and daughter Gertie have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for a visit of several weeks.

Dr. S. M. Smith, J. L. Toune, Sheriff and J. L. Stewart of Hebron, Neb., was in the city Wednesday.

United States District Attorney B. S. Baker made one of his periodical visits to the city Thursday last.

The infant son of Agent J. J. Barker of the B. & M., died at the family residence on Market street last week.

A liberally attended and thoroughly enjoyable "tea" was given by the ladies of the Congregational church Thursday evening.

A social and "tea" was given by the ladies of the First Baptist church at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Duffett Tuesday evening.

County Treasurer Harry Davis has been laid up for several days with a bad attack of bronchitis. He is now happily convalescent.

Miss Nellie Lumbeck was given an enjoyable surprise by a number of her young friends Saturday evening at her home on the west side.

Mrs. R. C. Hoyt entertained a number of her lady friends at an enjoyable 5 o'clock tea Friday evening at her home on North Seventh street.

Company C, Nebraska National guards, gave a bean supper to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic at Armory hall last Saturday evening.

The reception given to Beatrice lodge No. 26, A. F. & A. M., last Friday evening, was one of the most largely attended and successful social events given in the city for a long time.

Mrs. S. Kilpatrick, the venerable mother of the Kilpatrick brothers, who has been in feeble health for some weeks, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., with a view to benifiting her health.

The Masonic fraternity of this city is moving in the direction of the organization of a lodge of the "Eastern Star." The initial meeting in this interest will be held within a few weeks.

**Nebraska City.**

O. C. Marton has gone on a pleasure tour through the southern states.

Mrs. Henry Homeyer has been visiting her parents at Seward, Neb., the past few days.

James Maclay and wife of Auburn visited friends in this city the fore part of this week.

Duncan Maccuaig is in the city visiting his parents, and will probably remain here and go into business.

Henry Petring, who was called to the city by the death of his sister, has returned to his home at Upland, Neb.

Mrs. William Lyford, who has been in the city for several weeks, returned to her home in Chicago a few days ago.

Mrs. Charles Copenharve arrived home Friday from an extended visit with her parents and friends at Keyport, N. J.

The turnverein society gave an annual masque ball at the opera house Tuesday night and it was a very pleasant affair.

Mrs. Sid Wheeler and Miss Fannie McDougal of Plattsmouth were visitors in the city this week the guests of their sister, Mrs. Thomas Ryan.

The members of the new citizens' band gave a dance at the opera house last night, the proceeds of which is intended to be applied to the purchase of instruments.

The ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church held a "crazy social" Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. George Wilcox. The entertainment was pleasing and novel.

**Kearney.**

County Treasurer H. Fred Wiley and wife visited friends in Omaha this week.

Shipments of ice has averaged twenty cars per day since the ice cutting season began.

The ladies of the Baptist church gave an original entertainment the latter part of last week.

Ex-Mayor C. B. French gave an excellent entertainment to his friends at the family on Tuesday evening last.

J. P. Dungan accompanied one of his fast horses to Omaha this week, where he expects to find a sale for the animal.

The Buffalo county bar at the closing of the district court a few days ago, passed memorial resolutions on the death of General Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy gave a pleasant party Friday night in honor of their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Bernethy of Indianapolis, who is visiting them.

Mrs. M. J. Rhone, mother of the Rhone Brothers, proprietors of the New Era, died on Monday evening of heart failure. The funeral occurred on Thursday.

On last Saturday evening about twenty gentlemen assembled at the home of W. C. Tillson to celebrate his forty-seventh birthday. An elegant supper was served and a pleasant evening passed.

**Grand Island.**

Mrs. W. B. Thompson, who has been visiting friends at Exeter, Neb., has returned home.

H. T. Oxnard has returned from an extended visit to New York, Washington and other eastern cities.

The Oxnard sugar factory company has received two car loads of sugar beet seed from Antwerp, Belgium, for this year's planting.

George A. Croffutt, editor and publisher of the Western Tourist's Guide, was in the city on Monday, the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles L. Howell.

Grand Chancellor Will Seism visited this city Wednesday and in the evening delivered an entertaining lecture to the members of Nysian lodge Knight of Pythias at their hall.

A very pleasant party was given Tuesday evening by the Misses Knepley at the residence of their sister Mrs. W. B. Dingman. The principal order of entertainment consisted of dancing and music.

A delegation of Grand Island business men, consisting of Mefsrs. C. F. Bentley, H. A. Koenig, A. H. Baker, Feorge H. Thummel, O. A. Abbott and H. J. Palmer, went to Lincoln Wednesday in the interest of special legislation.

Rev. J. C. H. Read, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver his farewell sermon on the last Sunday of this month. He has decided to make Rock Island, Ill., his future headquarters and will engage in evangelistic work.

**Stromsburg.**

Dave Thomas is visiting in Lincoln.

Dr. H. Coleman left again for Denver, Col.

N. H. Gallant spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. F. W. Leach visited in Benedict last Friday.

H. B. Maxwell, the well known engineer, was at the Park Monday.

Alfred Olson went to Lincoln Tuesday to clerk in a store there.

The meetings at the American Methodist Episcopal church still continue.

J. E. Peterson and family visited in Benedict last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jennie Wilson is visiting in Kewanee, Ill. She will remain some two months.

M. M. Jones returned Tuesday from Baker City, Ore., where he has been for four months.

Rev. A. G. Milton, who has been assisting in a meeting at Lincoln, returned the first of the week.

A. G. Hoffman and wife entertained a number of friends on Saturday evening at a high-five party.

J. B. Dey received a fall Sunday night that crippled him for several days. He is getting over it now.

Miss Mary Shidner, who has been at school for several months at Washington, Ill., has returned home.

J. Shaw, superintendent of bridges of the Union Pacific system, came up from Valley last Saturday and spent Sunday at his farm.

Mrs. L. M. Shipley of the Park hotel received a telegram from Lincoln announcing the serious illness of her daughter, who lives there. She left for that place at once.

**Osceola.**

Mrs. M. Soule of Omaha is here visiting friends.

Mrs. Boquet of Omaha is here, the guest of Mrs. Dr. Elmer.

County Superintendent Detwiler went to Omaha on Wednesday.

Mrs. C. C. Utterback is very ill at the home of her parents, north of Osceola.

Joseph Hall of Peoria, Ill., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. W. L. Shaw.

S. G. Pheasant and J. P. Heald are looking after the legislators at Lincoln this week.

Mrs. Noon and Mrs. Mason of Iowa are here visiting their sister, Mrs. H. P. Shore.

Mrs. R. R. Genge gave a tea party to a large number of friends on Friday evening.

W. S. Nichiles of Omaha came up before our pension examining board on Wednesday.

Frank Campbell received a pension last week, the first in the county under the new law.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome of York visited with Mrs. H. F. Henderson the latter part of this week.

Henry Snider and W. C. Patton looked after their landed interests at Kearney this week.

Hon. H. T. Arnold, cashier of the Polk county bank, was at Lincoln the latter part of the week.

A birthday party at A. P. Mickey's and a candy pull at Miss Anna Marks this week was all that took place in the line of amusements.

Father Arnott and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, from Springview, Neb., who have been visiting friends for several weeks, left for their home on Wednesday.

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